Retrenchment of surplus labour in NTC Mills

*764. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:†

SSHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the modernisation plan for NTC mills envisages retrenchment of surplus labour;

(b) if so, what is the number of labourers likely to be affected;

(c) what are the benefits being provided to retrenched surplus labour; and

(d) what is the estimated strength of labour component after the modernisation of NTC mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) There is no retrenchment of surplus workers in NTC mills. However, surplus employees identified in the Turn Around Plan prepared by the Textile Research Associations will be covered under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme. So far 35, 479 workers have availed of retirement scheme

(d) After the modernisation of NTC mills, the total number of workers is estimated to be 86,048.

श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे : सभापति महोदय, केंद्रीय सरकार की केबिनेट ने मार्डनाइजेशन के लिए 2006 करोड़ रुपये मंजूर किए हैं । मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि यहां जो स्कीम माडेनाइजेशन की मंजूर हो गयी है, उसे आप कब से लागू करना चाहेंगे और कब तक उसको आप पूरा करेंगे ?

† The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Anantray Devshanker Dabe.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Coverage of local programmes by Doordarshan

*765. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that local programmes of public importance organised by public men of the area are not covered by local officials of Doordarshan and treated as an obligation to the organisers;

(b) the steps being taken to reorient the local Doordarshan authorities;

(c) whether the local news-staff of Doordarshan will be sent for proper attitudinal training to match that of the private channels; and

(d) whether the permanency of services of the Doordarshan staff is the cause of their such lack of imagination and lethargy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Doordarshan Kendras and the personnel handling news working there are fully cognisant of the need to provide coverage to local activities. However, it is not possible to always cover all the events on account of constraints of resources, manpower, time and other over riding priorities.

(d) No. Sir.